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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

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Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10-17-00, 9-5-00, 6-4-01.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The ^{formal} proposed drawing correction, filed on 9-5-00 is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4 Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because legal phraseology is used in this paragraph (i.e., "comprises"). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Page 4, line 87: "simultaneous-instruction" seems to be incorrect.

Appropriate correction is required.

3.. Claims 6-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 6, the term "two-dimensional discrete cosine" (line 4) should be --two-dimensional **inverse** discrete cosine--. The terms "(2D-DCT)" and "2D-DCT" should be --(2D-IDCT)-- and --2D-IDCT--, resp[ectively. Similarly noted claims 7-8, 12 and 13.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Eijndhoven et al.

Van Eijndhoven et al disclose, e.g., see Figs. 1 and 4a-b, the invention substantially as claimed, including: a plurality of functional units (12i), instruction issue unit (10) and register (14). Each functional unit has input registers and ALUs. It is noted that Van Eijndhoven et al do

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NOT disclose specifically the claimed “multiple data blocks”. However, such feature is implicitly disclosed from the Figures and the corresponding recitation because each input register received a plurality of data. Therefore, the input data of functional units should be in “block” fashion. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to design the claimed invention according to Van Eijndhoven et al’s teachings, because the reference is a data processing device/method for performing 2-D IDCT having SIMD instructions as claimed.

5. Claims 6-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cited references are art of interest.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan V. Mai whose telephone number is (703) 305-9761. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue-Fri from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are:

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